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SUBJECT: TAPLINE PROBLEM: SOME PROGRESS

REF BEIRUT 6848 AND EARLIER

SUMMARY: GOL TEAM RETURNED ENCOURAGED AFTER MEETING WITH
YAMANI AND STAFF. IMPORTANT GOL-TAPLINE SESSIONS
BEGIN HERE JUNE 16, FOLLOWED, PRESUMABLE, BY FURTHER
GOVERNMENTAL EXCHANGES.

1. IN LAST MINUTE CHANGE, GOL TEAM TO RIYADH REVERTED TO
TECHNICAL LEVEL WHEN HITTI (BEIRUT 6582) REPLACED DAHDAH
POSSIBLY DUE TENSE BEIRUT SITUATION. TEAM CONSISTED OF
SALEM, ACHOUR, HITTI AND HOSS. THEY WERE IN RIYADH MAY
31-JUNE 3 (EXCEPT THAT HOSS RETURNED JUNE 2) AND DEALT
WITH YAMANI PART OF TIME AND HIS STAFF.

2. ACCORDING DODGE, TEAM RETURNED OPTIMISTIC ABOUT EVENT
UALLY WORKING OUT SOLUTION. SAG GAVE HOPE THAT TAPLINE CAN
BE MADE VIABLE THROUGH TAX AND PRICE CHANGES. DISCUSSIONS
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APPARENTLY INCLUDED POSSIBILITY OF SUBSIDY OR OTHER AS-

SISTANCE WITH CRUDE DEBT. TAPLINE OFFICIALS FROM DHAHRAN MET GOL TEAM IN RIYADH ABOUT DEBT AND TAPLINE SCHEDULED BEGIN DISCUSSIONS HERE JUNE 16 WITH GOL ON DEBT. THESE MAY LAST SEVERAL DAYS AND DODGE HOPEFUL ABOUT A BREAKTHROUGH IT ASSUMED FURTHER GOL-SAG MEETING WOULD FOLLOW.

3. GOL WAS NOT RPT NOT ABLE MEET WITH JORDAN DELEGATION HEAD ED BY KING WHICH ARRIVED RIYADH LATE. JORDANIANS SAW KING KHALID, CROWN PRINCE AND FONMIN. TAPLINE WAS ONE OF ITEMS DISCUSSED BUT DODGE DOES NOT KNOW RESULTS.

4. DODGE HAD NO RPT NO NEW INFORMATION ON TAPLINE'S BEIRUT STAFF REDUCTION BUT HINTED THAT IT REMAINS DEFERRED.

COMMENT DODGE BELIEVES THINGS MOVING IN RIGHT DIRECTION. HE AND OTHER OBSERVERS THINK IT BEST GOL TEAM REMAINED TECHNICAL AT THIS STAGE.
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